(b) and (c) The requests for inclusion in the OBC/SC/ST list are processed in accordance with the approved modalities. It requires consultation with various agencies, which is a time-consuming process.

Dr. Ambedkar International Award

2119. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dr. Ambedkar International Award for social change has been kept in abeyance by the Dr. Ambedkar Foundation since the year 2000;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Dr. Ambedkar National Award for upliftment of the weaker sections has been kept in abeyance by the Foundation since the year 1999; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Amendment of the Constitution (Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) Order

2120. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to amend the Constitution (Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) Order with a view to provide that a person who has been treated as a Scheduled Caste in a State would belong to a Scheduled Caste throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and